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Coventry High School English teacher named 2012 R.I. Teacher of the Year

In a surprise ceremony at Coventry High School, Governor Lincoln D. Chafee and Education Commissioner Deborah A. Gist today (November 30, 2011) named Julie Lima Boyle the 2012 Rhode Island Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Boyle, an English teacher and the English language arts curriculum coordinator at Coventry High, has been teaching at the school for 13 years. As the state Teacher of the Year, she will now be a candidate for National Teacher of the Year.

“Julie Lima Boyle is known and respected as a teacher who is always learning and always improving her craft,” said Governor Chafee. “Ms. Boyle is an innovator who incorporates technology into her classroom and into her assignments. As one of her colleagues put it, she was born to teach and born to lead. I congratulate her on this well-earned honor.”

“Ms. Boyle is known in Coventry as an advocate for students and as an expert on all aspects of English language arts, from grammar to literature to thoughtful, creative writing,” said George D. Caruolo, Chairman of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. “She led the way as her department revised the Coventry English curriculum, she has taught students at all levels of ability, and she has mentored many student teachers and new teachers. She will represent Rhode Island well as our 2012 Teacher of the Year.”

“As we work together to ensure that we have excellent teachers in every Rhode Island classroom, Julie Lima Boyle is a wonderful example of outstanding, dedicated teaching,” said Commissioner Gist. “She uses 21st-century technology to lead her students to express their thoughts and ideas in a variety of electronic media – as well as on paper! One of her former students called her ‘the most thoughtful, sincere teacher’ he had ever had. We are fortunate to have Ms. Boyle as our Teacher of the Year.”

Julie Lima Boyle, of Cranston, holds a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from Rhode Island College, and she did her preparation for teacher certification at Providence College.

As Teacher of the Year, Ms. Boyle was presented with a \$10,000 scholarship opportunity from Johnson & Wales University and a Technology Classroom package from SMART Technologies.

“I strive to share my love of works, written and spoken, with my students,” Ms. Boyle wrote in her application for the award. “Some people join the Peace Corps; others go on missions in Chile or cross borders with Amnesty International. I teach English as my mission and am still learning how to write truth.”

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